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Sir or Madam:

Prior to the examination of this Application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, lines 1 and 2, please delete the current title "Detection of Nucleic Acid Sequences by Invader-Directed Cleavage", and insert --Nucleic Acid Detection Employing Charged Adducts--.

On page 1, after the Title of the Invention, but before the Field of the Invention, please delete "This is a Continuation-In-Part of co-pending application Serial No. 08/599,491, filed on January 24, 1996." and insert the paragraph The present application is a
Continuation of Serial No. 09/333,145, filed 6/14/99, currently pending, which is a
Continuation of U.S. Pat. Appln. Ser. No. 08/682,853, filed 7/12/96, now U.S. Pat. No.

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